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I am writing to you in concern of the Educational Center for The Arts in New Haven. I have come to hear that two things may threaten the future of the school.

My younger brother and I are both alums of the ECA program and I can say that with out a doubt it is the best program around to teach and encourage young artists.

The real reason it works is due to the fact that the faculty are all practicing professionals. What I learned there was the springboard to me pursuing a career in the arts and now a joint effort of my brother and I to open an online art gallery and clothing company.

The teachers there were able to give us the confidence in our work, show us how to interact and connect with people from all walks of life, and give us the real-world experience of the creative community that we would have never gotten at our regular high-school.

In a time where arts education is continually cut around the country the loss of this amazing program would be a huge blow to the future arts community of New Haven and CT. Please do whatever is in your power to keep this school open and running as it is currently.

Thank you for your time
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